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"UN Observer Team was still in Palau."

Several Palauan citizens subsequently filed a lawsuit in the Supreme Court of Palau challenging the government's certification of the plebiscite results. They argued that the provisions of the improved compact of free association governing nuclear weapons could be reconciled with the Palauan Constitution only if the Compact was approved by 75% of Palau's voting population. Notwithstanding the government of Palau's arguments that the Compact could be approved by a simple majority of the voting population, the court ruled for the plaintiffs, holding that Palau had not yet completed its constitutional ratification process. Thus, Palau remains subject to the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement. The United States will continue to carry its Trusteeship obligations toward Palau until the matter of Palau's future political status is resolved.

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